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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Chair House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the SoCal Workforce Preparation Program in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Southern California Regional Occupational Center (SoCal ROC) located at 2300 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance, CA 90501.

The funding would be used to work with 700 unemployed and displaced workers who are seeking to enter the workforce or to be retrained to change their career. Students will receive quality training that enables them to start a career that provides for their basic needs. Many of these training programs include state or national industry certifications. Students will receive assistance with enrollment fees and all necessary materials to be successful in their program of choice and employment search support services to assist with securing employment in their career pathway. SoCal ROC will provide students with all of the books, uniforms, and materials for their courses, as well as cover transportation costs. Funding used to cover enrollment fees will also include the cost for all state and national exams. Students will also benefit from soft skills training that will prepare them to write effective resumes and present themselves well during job interviews. SoCal ROC will conduct job fairs to give students the opportunity to meet with perspective employers. Students will have access to a digital job board linked to the school's website connecting them to prospective employers.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Ted W. Lieu

Member of Congress

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